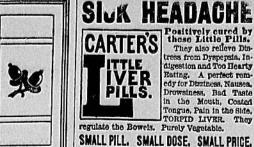


Queries Answers



Grammar in Spoken Language. Please inform me what part of gram-mar is unnecessary except in a written language. READER.

Employment at Jamestown. To whom should I apply for work a carpenter at Jamestown? Oblige a Address G. T. Shepperd, secretary

Business College.

Is there in Richmond a business co-lege with a correspondence course? CONSTANT READER. Address Smithdeal or Massey Busi-

Cow Problem.

Please tell me which of the two given solutions is better in the problem stated. SUBSCRIBER. Problem and solutions are too long to give here. Subscriber's own solution is the better in every way.

The "Little Tycoon"

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Can any one give information concerning the company which played the opera "Little Tycoon" some ten or twelve years ago here in Richm

Weight of Cream.

Can you tell me the standard weight of a gallon of cream?

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER. One of the large dairies here regards 8 1-2 pounds to be the gallon. The other 8 pounds to 8 1-4.

The Virginia Shilling.

Please tell me the value of a "shilng." Is it 12 1-2 or 16 2-3 cents?

MISS A. O. 146 2-3 cents. 12 1-2 cents is nine-

Question of Grammar.

Are these sentences correct? If the boat runs Friday, please send to meet us. If the boat do not run Friday, I will leave Saturday.

SUBSCRIBER.

First sentence should have run ir piace of runs. Second should have shall in place of will.

Population of Richmond.

Please inform me in next Sunday's issue of Times-Dispatch the present population of Richmond, including the annexed territory, and oblige A CONSTANT READER. The city authorities estimate it at

A Date.

Will you please give in your Query Cohunn the day of the week that the 20th day of January, 1833, came on? Three of my neighbors were born on January 29, 1853, and they disagree as to the day of the week it was.

E. F. S.

Making Wills.

When a man makes his will, what does the law require him to leave to the children of his deceased child?

A SUBSCRIBER. There are no requirements in law.

A man is at liberty to dispose of his own property in his own way.

Prince Edward Lands.

Please tell us who was the first Daniel Donnel, or Donald, to take up land in Prince Edward county. and tell him whether you mean Daniel,

Doomsday Book.

Can you tell me the time it took to compile the "Doomsday Book" of Wil-liam the Conqueror, and whether it in-cluded all of England? W. N. H. 1080-1086. All but Northumberland, Durham, Westmoreland and Cumber-

School-Butter and Mr. Jefferson. Please tell me the origin of the word school-butter and whether Thomas Jef-INTERESTED

and often called out by a mischievous traveler as he passed a wayside schoolquette of the occasion for the publis raught, he sometimes fared badly at their hands. The likeliest derivation we have ever seen makes it a corrup tion of "school's better," an insolent was every self-respecting schoolboy's

As to Mr. Jefferson's orthodoxy, the text of his suggested edition of the Bible is interesting, and has been lately published by the government. Whether pend so much on what one means by

Enclosed find picture. Will you please tell me in your Query Column what book it represents and the author of it.

In the Fifty-ninth Congress they are John A. Kellher, William S. McNary John A. Sullivan. In the Sixtleth Congress, which begins March 4, 1907 John A. Keliher, John F. O'Connell and Andrew J. Peters.

Is it true that there is a great old sycamore tree on Franklin Street near the square, to which Washington hitch-ed his horse? READER.

street, between Sixth and Seventh, As to the Washington story, it may be safely said that there is no proof that the general did not tie his horse to it.

Depth to Which Iron Will Sink. Will an iron mass go to the bottom of the Pacific Ocean? H. M. B.

With Maury's deep-sounding apparatus, which carries a heavy iron ball dropped when the sounder strikes bottom, depth has been found near th Isle of Guam, in the Pacific, 31,614 feet, It is quite safe to infer that the con trivance would keep on going down if the bottom were a mile lower.

ten is one-twentieth, and if ten is twentieth, two hundred will be the whole.

The D. A. R.

Write at once to Mrs. B. L. Purcell. regent of the Commonwealth Chapter, D. A. R., Glen Allen, Va., and she will

Tonti's Company.

story, and if it is true?

originated the "tontine plan" in 1653. A Mr. Jonnings, of London, bought an announcement of the prize have come original share of £100. He survived the The term school-butter was a derisive rest in his class, and received a yearly

HEAVENS IN FEBRUARY

Three Comets Now Visible-The Spiral Nebula. Venus and Mars Now Brilliant Morning Stars

By PROF. DOOLITTLE, Astronomer of the University of Pennsylvania

At no one time of the year is the sky more full of brillant stars than now. The most indifferent observer who happens to be out on some clear, cold evening of February will probably notice that the stars seem brighter than usual, but there are few persons who know that on the same evening of each year the same stars are always visible, and still fewer who understand how the slow, westward motion of the heaven causes the brillant groups of winter to be replaced by the faint constellations of summer. the same evening of each year the same stars are always visible, and still fewer who understand how the slow, westward motion of the heavens causes the brilliant groups of winter to be replaced by the faint constella-tions of summer.

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income of £3,000 for his investment, Jun

19, 1798, he died at the age of 103, and left

Cousin Sallie Dillard.

Witness: "Well, Cap'n Rice he gin a treat, and Cousin Sally Dillard she come over to our house and axed me if my wife she moughin't go. Well, I told Cousin Sally Dillard my wife she was complainin' right smartly with the rheumatiz in the hip, and thar was a big swamp 'cross the road, and the swamp was up, but, howsomever, being as how it was, Cousin Sally Dillard, my wife she mought go. Cousin Sally Dillard she axed me if Mose he mought go. I told Cousin Sally Dillard Mose he was fo'eman of the crap, and the crap being fo'eman of the crap, and the crap being

smartly in the grass, but, being how it was, she, Cousin Sally Dillard, Mose he mought go. Well, Mose, my wife and Cousin Sally Dillard they all went, and when they got to the big swamp cross the road, Mose and Cousin Sally Dillard they walked 'cross on the log like genieel folks, but my wife she, like a darned fool, pulled up her clothes and waded right through, and my wife she's been laid up with the rheumatiz ever since, and that's all I know about the fight at Rice's Mill."

Aeroplanes and Airships.

number of entries from the leading aeronauts, beginning with Santos-Dumont, who enters his new aeroplane, and followed by M Florencie with an orthoptere, or flapping-wing apparatus resembling a bird in flight. Then there is M Bellamy, with a new aeroplane, and Messrs Bieriot and Voisin. M Leger's aeroplane, which is being built with great secrecy, will no doubt also be entered for the prize.

—Springfield Republican.

"Boston" Baked Beans. How about "Boston" baked beans, inder the new pure food law? Is a bean is Boston bean if it never saw Boston, wen though holding Boston tenets? Is a

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ons of summer.

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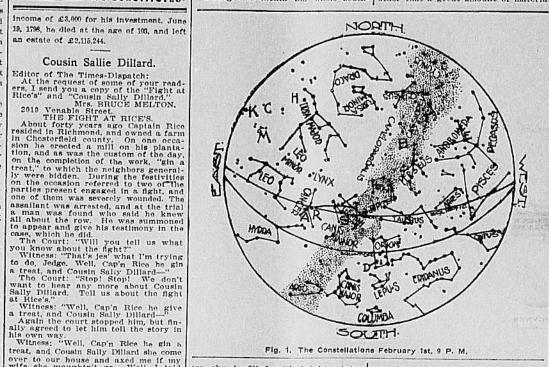


Fig. 1. The Constellations February 1st, 9 P. M.

ern sky is filled with, bright winter groups. The dog-star Sirius, the most brilliant star of all, is high up from the ground in the south; above this there are the magnificent groups of Orion, Taurus and Gemini, while in the east may be seen the beautiful group of Leo, or the Sickle; exactly overhead is the brilliant white star Capella. Passing from this along the Milky Way to the west, our attention is at once attracted by the very bright W-shaped group, known as Casslopeea, while opposite the Great Dipper is just beginning its climb over the celestial pole.

Thus the entire sky is covered with



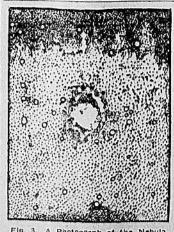
known constellations are of no less interest. Just below Leo there is the Water Snake, whose head had just emerged above the ground last month, but which has now dragged up full one-third of its length. Next month it will extend all the way to the south, but even then only one-half of it will have appeared. Not until May will the tip of its tail finally come into view, and then it will stretch almost entirely across the southern sky, from the east to the west.

Between Gemini and Leo is the group Cancer, the faintest of all the constellations of the Zodiac, within whose boundaries is the remarkble star cluster known as the Beehive. Many a beginner in astronomy happening upon this little cloud for the first time has imagined that he has discovered a come, but the smallest telescope will show that it is formed of a great number of faint stars packed closely together.

The faint stars to the east of the Great Dipper and above Leo at M. Fig. 1, are the group known as Berenice's Hair, possibly because in their delicate beauty they may be said to resemble Gossame, spangled with dewdrops. And above these are the Hunting-Dogs, of which the brightest star at C was at one time known as Charles Heart, because it was believed to have shone with unusual brightness when Charles II, entered London on his restoration. It is a beautiful double star in a small telescope. a roston learn it it never saw Boston, acream it to bear the honored name of the most succulent 10-cent dish under the starry skies when it is violated by the crude culinary methods of South Bend, Ind., or the rough and ready gastronomical romps of Leadville, Col.? Shall the weak and sicklied bean of New York be foisted on the homesick and quivering diaphragm of a wondering Bostonian under the misleading title of "Boston Baked Beans"? The special commission on rules and regulations says that geographical misnaming on labels must cease. Hall the day! How long, oh, deceiving wretches, will you abuse our patience with a Boston Baked Bean which should curl up and hide its mottled and unsavory countenance at the mere whisper of the name "Boston"?

Not long ago an afflicted community. elescope. Beside the star clusters at A and B

Beside the star clusters at A and B and the magnificent nebulas of Orion and Andromeda at D and E (Fig. 1), there are several fainter clusters and nebulas now visible, which will well repay examination. Two rather faint elliptic nebulas will be found at F, a remarkable double nebula at H and a very fine globular cluster of rather faint stars at K. The nebula at H is shown in Fig. 2. This is a typical spiral nebula. It is said that the old nebular hypothesis of the development of the sun and planets was suggested by the appearance of the planet Saturn and its rings. Similarly the appearance of these spiral nebulas, which are very



Photograph of the Nebula

may be ejected from it. Instead of this eruption merely causing a slight heightening of the star, it is supposed that the effect is very much greater, and, in fact, is equivalent to a partial tearing apart or disruption of it.

It is further supposed that the secon star in its journey around the first tends to draw this ejected material after it, and thus arranges the material in a spiral form. So that each of the many spiral nebulas is the remains of a star which has been torn apart by the near approach of another star. Finally, it is supposed that the ejected material will continue to revoive around the central star in the direction in which it was originally drawn by the disturbing star, and that ultimately it will condense into one or more planets, revolving about this sun in the same direction.

The theory of La Place, which has been quite generally accepted for nearly a century, supposed that our solar system was originally an aboula, which as it slowly contracted, left great rings of material behind. These rings condensed into the planets and the great bulk of the nebula condensed into the sun. For many years it has been known that, this, method of development is an impossible one, because a ring of matter left behind in this way could never condense into a planet, but whether the new theory, after due investigation, will be generally accepted cannot be predicted as yet.

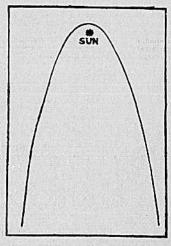
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There are no less than three comets now visible, but they are each very faint, and can only be seen with a telescope. The path of one of these during February is shown in Fig. 1. When first discovered it was just west of the Beehive at R; by February 1st it will reach the point S, and by March 1st the point T. It's apparent motion during the month is so small, because it is now moving almost directly away from the earth. On February 1st it will be 110 million miles away, and on March 1st 157 million. These bodies come from the vast regions of space, pass around the sun, and usually recede, never to return again.

The planet Mercury will be in the best position for observation of the entire year about March 1st. It will then set about one hour and inrequarters after the sun, and may be



seen shining in the evening twilight in the northwest. As at this time also it has its greatest brightness, the last days of February afford an unusual opportunity for observing it.

Saturn is now in the constellation Aquarius, and may be seen just after sinset. It passes behind the sun, and becomes a norning star on March 9th. Jupiter is the magnificent evening star, and will at once be noticed high up in the sky in the constellation Gemini. The eclipses and motions of its moons are of especial invert on the 1st, 3d, 8th and 10th of the month. Venus and Mars are now brilliant morning stars, but they cannot be seen in the early evening.

ERIC DOOLITTLE.

Charleston's Three o'Clock Dinner Most of the people in Washington dine between 5 and 7 o'clock. This is called an early dinner, but the Washington an early dinner, but the Washington people always were a slow set. The usual hour of dining in Charleston is 3 o'clock. It is an old English custom, we believe. At any rate, we fancy it is something of that sort because we cling to it so tenaciously. It is a very inconvenient hour to most people who are engaged in business, but it is the habit, and very hard to break. We have the advantage of from two to four hours over the people of Washington, at any rate, because we are just that much ahead of them on the principal feast of the day.—Charleston News and Courier,

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Charles H. Barnes Identified on Celtic by Tourists from Stamford, Conn.

STAMFORD, CONN., Jan. 26.-"Charll Barnes here. Admits identification," was the news contained in a wireless message Phillips, of Stamford, one of a party which sailed by the Celtic from New York

which sailed by the Celtic from New York for the Orient Saturday. Dr. F. C. Ottman, pastor of the Presbyterian Churcit, which Barnes attended, and several others who know Barnes well, are in the party. Barnes is Charles H. Barnes, whose mysterious disappearance in September, 1903, caused a sensation. He had been for several years connected with the Blickenserfer Manufacturing Company, and was manager of fis office in New York. One night he sent a message to Boston making an appointment there with a representative of the company and engaged a room in the Puritan, of the Fall River line. When the boat reached Fall River line when the boat reached Fall River line when the left his office. It was supposed he had either committed suicide or fallen overboard, and for weeks everybody found along Long Island Sound was examined to see if it was lis.

It was announced by the Blickensderfer

It was announced by the Blickensderfer company that Barnes' accounts were in good condition. His domestic life had seemed happy. His wife was prostrated and went into mourning, assuming with his friends that he was dead. For a time

sence and was never called into service. He became superintendent of the Blickensderfer factory here and married the daughter of a Methodist minister. He was when he disappeared, about forty years old, tall and good looking. He was a regular attendant at church and popular in his club and social circles. It is supposed more information about him will be received from the Azores, at which point the Celtic will touch.

Cleveland With the Corners Off.

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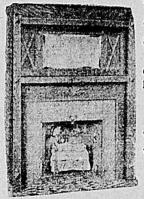
If Jackson had his Benton, Roosevelt has his Tatt. Rarely has a President had so wise an adviser, and never a President has had in his Cabinet a truer man. He may not be the next President; he may never be President; but in that great office he would rank with the great Presidents, Able, honest, courageous, patriotic, he has the genius of common sense and the charity of a noble humanity. He is very nearly Grover Cleveland with some sharp corners knocked off.

We do believe that Theodore Roosevelt's chief attribute of greatness is his gift for selecting instruments. Certainly he is fortunate in having William H. Taft as an adviser. It is scarcely probable that the stand-patters would allow the nomination of Taft for President; but if it were a general and honest primary, it is altogether probable that he would get the nomination.

—Washington Post

The Harriman School.

Not all the speeches that William J make as many converts to his latest the-ory as have been made by E. H. Harrithe fact he is not mistaken. The Harricialists to an extent appreciated nearly all Americans except its heads,—Cleveland Plain Dealer,



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It probably refers to a book by Rob ert Chambers, entitled "A Young Man in a Hurry."

Boston Congressmen. In your Sunday edition please inform me as to the names of Representatives to Congress from Boston, Mass, and greatly oblige JOHN A. G.

The Franklin Street Sycamore.

A fine old sycamore stands on that

A Problem. Please solve the following for me: A boy destroys two-fifths of his stamps and gives away thirty, which is a quarter of the remainder. How many had he at first?

V. E.

remain. Thirty is a fourth of the three-fifths, or three-twentieths of the whole. Thirty being three-twentieths,

Aeroplanes and Airships.

In France, and especially in the vicinity of Paris, there is great activity at present in the matter of airships and aeroplanes, and many are the apparatuses which are under construction at different places. It is mostly in the suburbs of the city that the new airships are being built and put through their experimental flishts. Some of these have been only begun, or are at least in the first stages, while others are quite finished and have now made the first trials. The movement in favor of aeroplane apparatus is more strongly marked this year, writes the Paris correspondent of the Scientific American. Heretofre but few such flying machines have been produced, as most of the aeroplanes have been produced, as most of the aeronauts directed their attention perferably to airships. It is no doubt due to the success which the Wright and other aeroplanes have had in America that the aeronauts in France are now taking up the subject, and some interesting developments are expected.

Perhaps this year we may see some successful flights with aeroplanes in France, since aeronauts such as Tatin. Cape Ferber, Archedecon, and, more recently, Bleriet and Voisin, Florencie and others at Paris, as well as Barlatter and Blanc at Marseilles, are now at work bringing What are the requirements to become a D. A. R., and how is one to proceed in the matter of becoming a member?

Will you answer this at your earliest convenience?

A SUBSCRIBER. riot and Volsin, Florencie and others at Paris, as well as Barlatier and Blanc at Marseilles, are now at work bringing out their machines, while the prince of Monaco is furthering the enterprises of M Leger. What has greatly stimulated the aeroplane work has been the founding of the grand prize of Avlation by the Aero club of France. For this purpose the sum of \$10,000 has been subscribed by Senator Henri Deutsch and Ernest Archdeacon, M Deutsch, it will be remembered, founded the prize for airships which was won by Santos-Dumont in his memorable flight around the Efffel tower. Following the announcement of the prize have come a

I have read somewhere a marvelous profit to one of the first investors in a "tontine" company, and was recently called down when I told it. Will you please inform me if there is such a

Lorenzo Tonti, a Neapolitan banker,

CATARRH BLOOD DISEASED AND SYSTEM DISORDERED

Catarrh is not merely an inflammation of the tissues of the head and throat, as the symptoms of ringing noises in the ears, mucous dropping back into the throat, continual hawking and spitting, etc., would seem to indicate; it is a blood disease in which the entire circulation and the greater cate; it is a blood disease in which the entire circulation and the greater part of the system are involved. Catarrh is due to the presence of an excess of uric acid in the blood. The Liver, Kidneys and Bowels frequently become torpid and dull in their action and instead of carrying off the refuse and waste of the body, leave it to sour and form uric acid in the system. This is taken up by the blood and through its circulation distributed to all parts of the system. These impurities in the blood irritate and inflame the different membranes and tissues of the body, and the contracting of a cold will start the secretions and other disgusting and disagreeable symptoms of Catarrh. As the blood goes to all parts of the body the catarrhal poison affects all parts of the system. The head has a tight, full feeling, nose continually stopped up, pains above the eyes, slight fever comes and goes, the stomach is upset and the entire system disordered and

I had Catarrh for about fifteen years, and no man could have been worse. I tried everything I could hear of, but no good rosuited. I then began S. S. S., and could see a little improvement from the first bottle, and after taking it a short while was cured. This was six years ago, and I am as well today asanyman. I think Catarrh is a blood disease, and those there is nothing on earth better for the blood than S. S. S. Nobody thinks more of S. S. S. ihan I do.

M. MATSON,

Lapeer, Mich.

the discomfort of the trouble. To cure Catarrh permanently the blood must be thoroughly purified and the system cleansed of all poisons, and at the same time strengthened and built up. Nothing equals S. S. S. for this purpose, It attacks the disease at its head, goes down to the very bottom of the trouble and makes a complete and lasting cure. S. S. zernoves every bottom of the trouble and makes a complete and lasting cure. S. S. S. removes every particle of the catarrhal poison from the blood, making this vital stream pure, fresh and healthy. Then the inflamed mem-branes begin to heal, the head is loosened and cleared, the hawking and spitting cease, constitution is built up and virorous health. every symptom disappears, the constitution is built up and vigorous health restored. S. S. S. also tones up the stomach and digestion and acts as a

ine tonic to the entire system. If you are suffering with Catarrh begin the use of S. S. S. and write us a statement of your case and our physicians will send you literature about Catarrh, and give you special medical advice without charge. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

And A. J.'s Went,

countenance at the mere whisper of the name "Boston"?

Not long age an afflicted community, San Francisce, was led to believe that it was to receive new vigor and encouragement in a consignment of Boston Baked Beans. What did it get? It got "Boston Baked Beans" from Baltimore! Shame on a city or a country which would flich from Boston the pride of bean! Sham on a gross, unfeeling capitalism which would trade heartlessly on the compelling Boston bean-linst! He who steals our purse steals trash, but he few for the Boston Baked Bean poor indeed. In these days of ruthless counterfeiting, the Boston Baked Bean has lost all save honor, and that is plugged. Will the pure food bill wipe out this disgrace?—Boston Advertiser.

Mr. Roosevelt was not the first President in indulge in spelling reform, Andrew Jackson gave us some illuminating specimens.—Milwaukee Sentinel.